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REMARKS

The claims presented are the same as those previously presented. Claims 1-36 are now pending.

Discussion of the 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claims 29-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the description requirement.

Regarding Claim 29, the limitation "each byte comprises eight bits and wherein each bit is displayed as a unique pixel" is at least supported by page 9, lines 17-19 and page 12, line 31 to page 13, line 1. Regarding Claim 30, the limitation "inserting bytes having non-white pixels into a series of bytes having non non-white pixels comprises eliminating at least a portion of the identified gaps in character strokes" is at least supported by page 2, lines 21-31 and Figure 7. Regarding Claim 31, the limitation "wherein the received bitmap comprises a plurality of bytes and wherein the locating of bytes having no non-white pixels comprises comparing vertically adjacent ones of the bytes of the bitmap" is at least supported by page 13, line 26 to page 14, line 7.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 29-31 has been overcome and that an indication of allowability should be made in the next Action.

Discussion of the 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 Rejections

Applicant's claims all refer to manipulation of gaps in character strokes which the prior art fails to teach. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections.

Conclusion

In light of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are specifically requested. In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the above-identified application are in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner finds any impediment to allowing all claims that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned.


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